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SUBJ: GREEK PRESS REACTION TO PRESIDENT FORD'S STATEMENT

ON AID TO TURKEY

REF ANKARA 5317

1. ALL GREEK MORNING AND AFTERNOON NEWSPAPERS ON JULY 10 GAVE PROMINENT PLAY TO PRESIDENT FORD'S STATEMENT ON THE PROPOSED COMPROMISE WHICH WOULD ENABLE THE LIMITED RESUMPTION OF MILITARY SHIPMENTS TO TURKEY. (GREEK RADIO AND TV FIRST CARRIED RPORTS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT THE EVENING OF JULY 9.) WHILE FOR THE MOST PART THIS NEWS WAS REPORTED IN A STRAIGHTFORWARD AND FACTUAL MANNER, THE STORIES ALSO INCLUDED ACCOUNTS OF THE REACTION OF CONGRESSMAN BRADEMAS AND OTHER OPPONENTS OF AID TO TURKEY, THE LEAD HEADLINES IN THE NEWSPAPERS WERE DEFINITELY NEGATIVE.

2. SO FAR, ONLY ONE NEWSPAPER - VRADYNI (PRO-CARAMANLIS) - HAS CARRIED AN EDITORIAL ON THE SUBJECT WITH THE TITLE "WHOM IS HE DECEIVING".HTHE EDITORIAL MAKES THE POINT
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THAT WHILE PRESIDENT FORD ASSERTS THAT THE RESUMPTION OF AID

TO TURKEY WILL FACILITATE THE CYPRUS TALKS, AT THE SAME TIME
TURKISH-CYPRIOT LEADER DENKTASH HAS PRODUCED PROPOSALS SEEKING
50 PERCENT OF THE ADMINISTRATION, WEALTH, AND POWERS IN CYPRUS.

3. REPRESENTATIVE HEADLINES FOLLOW:

TO VIMA (LIBERAL, OPPOSITION), "FORD SEEKS "'SALES' OF WEAPONS
TO TURKEY BUT NO FREE AID* UNBEARABLE PRESSURE PLACED
ON CONGRESSMEN"; KATHIMERINI (PRO-GOVERNMENT, CONSERVATIVE),
"MANEUVR OF FORD FOR AID TO TURKEY: HE MAINTAINS THAT IT WILL
STRENGTHEN ATHENS-ANKARA DIALOGUE; FORCEFUL REACTION FROM
GREEK-AMERICAN CONGRSSMAN"; AKROPOLIS (CONSERVATIVE, PRO-
GOVERNMENT), "TRICK OF FORD TO SELL ARMS TO TURKEY: BRADEMAS
STATES 'WE WILL NOT SUBMIT TO FRAUD'"; TA NEA (OPPOSITION,
LIBERAL), "CONGRESSMAN BRADEMAS ACCUSES FORD THAT 'COMPROMISE
SOLUTION FOR AID IS A FRAUD'"; ATHINAIKI (PRO-PAPANDREOU),
"USING 'TOUGH LANGUAGE' MR. FORD GIVES AID TO ANKARA"
CONGRESS CONVINCED"; VRADYNI (PRO-CARAMANLIS), "VIOLENT
REACTION TO FORD'S MANEUVER".H
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